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SUBJECT: RLG VIEWS ON FALL OF THAI GOVERNMENT

1. DURING A DINNER HE GAVE ON OCTOBER 16 IN HONOR OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY STEARNS, PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA COMMENTED THAT RECENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THAILAND WERE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE AND THAT HE CONSIDERED THEM TO BE IRREVERSIBLE. SOUVANNA CRITICIZED BITTERLY THE CORRUPTION AND ARROGANCE OF THANOM AND PRAPHAT. ESTIMATING THAT PRAPHAT HAD SALTED AWAY NEARLY 500 MILLION DOLLARS, SOUVANNA DECLARED THAT THE FORMER THAI REGIME HAD BEEN OUT OF STEP WITH THE TIMES AND THAT HE WELCOMED THAILAND'S RETURN TO CIVILIAN AND CONSTITUTIONAL RULE.

2. ALLUDING TO THE LAOS TRADITIONAL SUSPICION OF THAI INVOLVEMENT IN LAO COUP D'ETATS, SOUVANNA AFFIRMED JOVIALY THAT THE RLG HAD NOT ENGINEERED THE COUP IN THAILAND.

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